Papers laid on the Table

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. Panampilly Govinda Menon):** Sir, under Article 213 (2) read with Article 238 of the Constitution of India. I lay on the Table Ordinance XI* of 1950, namely the Chittoor-Tattamangalam Municipal Chairmen and Councillors (Term of Office Extension) Ordinance 1950 promulgated by His Highness the Rajpramukh on 7th December 1950.

Minister for Works and Communications **(Sri. E. John Philipose):** Sir, I lay on the Table the amendment* made to the Travancore-Cochin Motor Vehicles Rules 1950.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Sir, on a point of order. On the list of question for to-day, No. 84 was mine. Within the time available, it could not be orally put and as such I was searching for the answer for that on the table during the interval. Under the rules, questions for which answers could not be made available orally on the floor of the House, are to be treated as having been answered and the answers are to be placed on the table. Neither the question nor the answer to it was found on the table. So I would like to know the procedure that is being adopted in regard to this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Is it a starred or unstarred question ?

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: It is a starred question.

Mr. Speaker: When questions could not be answered orally on the floor of of the House, answers to such questions are placed on the table as and when they are made available to the assembly office. I may inform the House that answers to starred questions are not always received in time. As the House knows, answers are to be got ready by the Ministers and supplied to the assembly office. Then only they coul'd be placed on the table. In other words, until the answers are ready and duly received they cannot be placed on the table.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: In this instance it is a starred question.

Mr. Speaker: Even in such cases, answers are some, times given to the effect that necessary information not having been received answers are not ready. If the requisite information has not been gathered by the Minister concerned, the answer could not be made available. The question put by the member may be an instance in point.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: What I say is there must be a method by which members might know which of their question is answered or not answered. At least a note to that effect may be supplied.

Mr. Speaker: When answers are ready and laid on the table, I shall make arrangements to have the information conveyed to the members. We will now go to the Legislative Business.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The Travancore-Cochin Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local-Self Government **(Sri. N. Kunjuraman):** Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Travancore-Cochin Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill and move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

*Not printed in the days proceedings.

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